# **Digital Technology**

# PyGame Zero Introduction Create a Presentation

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You must install Python and Mu before you can begin. Your teacher may have a USB drive you can use or install them yourself:

- 1. Python from <a href="https://www.python.org/downloads/">https://www.python.org/downloads/</a>
- 2. Mu IDE from <a href="https://codewith.mu/en/download">https://codewith.mu/en/download</a>

# A. PyGame Drawing

#### Using the Mu Editor

- Click on the mode button (top left) and change the mode to PyGame Zero.
- All code files must be saved in the mu\_code folder.
- All images must be saved in the mu\_code\images folder.

#### PyGame Zero Basic Code

All programs require some basic code to put a window on the screen, and draw in that window. For PyGame Zero it is:

WIDTH = 800 HEIGHT = 600 #screen dimensions

def draw():

pass #remove this when you write some code

- The screen height and width are **constants** they do not change.
- The code *def draw():* is a **function** lines of code that perform a specific task. Notice how code is indented within the function.

#### **Comments**

Note the comment – starting with #. Multi-line comments start and end with """.

#### **PyGame Zero Window Coordinates**

The top left corner of the window is the origin (0,0). The horizontal coordinate (x) is zero, and the vertical coordinate is zero.



#### Clear the Window and Set the Window Color

In PyGame Zero, the draw() function is called 60 times every second to redraw the window. Every time the window is redrawn we must clear everything off it and fill it with a color.

You have already written the code in **black**.

New code to write is shown in blue.

Don't write the # comments.

WIDTH = 800
HEIGHT = 600

def draw():
 screen.clear() #clear screen
 screen.fill('lightskyblue') #fill with a color

# You can only have one draw() function in your program

Python has lots of standard colors. Try some out! Make sure you put the names in quotes, e.g. 'lime'.



#### **Draw Lines**

Draw a line using the coordinates of the two ends. This code is placed in the draw() function.

```
def draw():
    screen.clear()
    screen.fill('lightskyblue')

screen.draw.line((0,0), (750,550), 'black')
```

The line drawing function has three **parameters** (bits of information it needs to draw the line), separated by **commas**.

- Parameter 1: (0,0) the (x,y) coordinates of the start point
- Parameter 2: (750,550) the (x,y) coordinates of the end point
- Parameter 3: 'black' the drawing color

Add more instructions to draw lines anywhere on the screen.

#### **Draw Circles**

Draw filled and unfilled circles using the center coordinates and the radius.

```
def draw():
    screen.clear()
    screen.fill('lightskyblue')

    screen.draw.line((0,0), (750,550), 'black')

    screen.draw.circle((300,200), 100, 'yellow')
    screen.draw.filled_circle((600,450), 50, 'red')
```

The line drawing function has three **parameters** (bits of information it needs to draw the line), separated by **commas**.

- Parameter 1: (300,200) the (x,y) coordinates of the center
- Parameter 2: 100 the circle radius
- Parameter 3: 'red' the drawing color

Add more instructions to draw circles anywhere on the screen

#### **Draw Rectangles**

To draw filled and unfilled rectangles we first define the size of the rectangle, then call the function to draw the rectangle.

```
def draw():
    screen.clear()
    screen.fill('lightskyblue')
    screen.draw.line((0,0), (750,550), 'black')
    screen.draw.circle((300,200), 100, 'yellow')
    screen.draw.filled_circle((600,450), 50, 'red')
    screen.draw.rect(Rect((20,100),(360,400)), 'purple')
    screen.draw.filled_rect(Rect((0,400),(300,100)), 'darkblue')
```

A rectangle is defined by the coordinate of the top left (20,100) and a tuple containing the width and height (360,400).

Add more instructions to draw rectangles anywhere on the screen

# Our code is getting quite long. To make things shorter we will use

Keep what you've got

and add in the new code

#### **Draw Text**

Look on your PyGame Zero Cheat Sheet and find the code for drawing text.

```
in the position shown.
def draw():
    screen.draw.text("Coding is Cool!", (350,30), color='black', fontsize=60)
```

Add more instructions to draw text anywhere on the screen.

#### **Draw Images**

To draw images, we create them as an Actor.

```
The order of your code is
important.
```

Make sure the new code in blue looks exactly like

```
alien = Actor('alien', center = (400,200))
def draw():
                                                                 this.
    alien.draw()
```

Look in the Images folder for more images and add more instructions to draw these anywhere on the screen.

Find images with transparent backgrounds using google (e.g. rock, spaceship) and copy them into the images folder.

The names of images must only be typed in **lower case** and placed in **single** or **double quotes**.

# **B. Fixing PyGame Coding Errors**

Almost all error messages will give you the **line number** on which it occurred. Sometimes you will need to look at the **previous line**, because the error is at the end of the line (especially a missing colon [:] or closing bracket)

There are a number of basic coding errors that are commonly made in Python. You have probably made some of these already when you were coding section A.

- **Missing Code Errors**. You must copy the examples in this book in exactly the way they have been written. Don't leave anything out. As you work more with Python you will begin to see the patterns.
- **Spelling Errors**. Python and PyGame Zero have built-in words that need to be spelt correctly or nothing will work. Python is case-sensitive.
- **Upper and lowercase Errors**. Almost everything is written in lower case, but some things are in uppercase and must be written in the correct case. Words may be joined by an underscore.
- **Syntax Errors**. Syntax is the grammar of the Python language commas, brackets, semi-colons and operators (=, ==, >, < etc) in the right places, where they are expected to be.
- Indentation Errors. The code after semi-colons is *always* indented. Always use the Tab key on your keyboard to indent the code. Code should be aligned to the vertical lines in Mu.
  - Some code is always hard up against the left margin. Statements starting with *import* and *def* are some of these.
- Assignment and Comparison Errors. Values are assigned to variables using the = operator. Two values are compared using the == operator.

Once your code runs, you may also have two other errors:

- **Runtime Errors**. The code will stop because there is an error. These are mostly due to variable values having values that are out-of-bounds.
- Logic Errors. Even if your code runs well, it may not do the things you want it to. These are logic or sequencing errors. You are not giving the command statements in an order that makes things work the way you want them to. For example, in the draw() function writing text on the screen, then clearing the screen and filling it with a colour. The text will never appear.

# C. PyGame Variables and Movement

Variables enable us to store values (e.g. text and numbers).

The value of a variable can change.

They must have a descriptive name so you can recognise them.

The variable is always assigned with the equal sign, followed by the value of the variable. Use descriptive names.

#### **Variable Naming Conventions**

- Lowercase words separated by underscores
- Begin with a letter of the alphabet

#### **Types of Data**

Variables are given a data type when they are assigned (e.g. i = 1). There are four basic data types:

Integer
 Eloating point (Decimal)
 String (Text)
 e.g. 1, -120, 3000
 e.g. 1.45, -12.564, 4000.1
 e.g. "First name", 'OK'

• Boolean True, False (with capital T and F)

#### **Moving Lines**

Instead of using a fixed value in a function we can use a **variable**. Then we can change the value of the variable to create movement. First, start a new file.

```
WIDTH = 800

HEIGHT = 600

def draw():
    screen.clear()
    screen.fill('lightskyblue')
```

Then write the code to move a line across the screen. We declare the variable before the *draw()* function. The *update()* function changes the value of the variable to create movement.

```
WIDTH = 800
HEIGHT = 600

start_x = 20

def draw():
    screen.clear()
    screen.fill('lightskyblue')

    screen.draw.line((start_x,20), (400,550), 'black')

def update():
    global start_x
    start_x += 1 #add 1 to the value of line_x
```

Add other variables for the start and end coordinates of the line and change them too (note: -= subtracts a value).

#### **Global vs Local Variables**

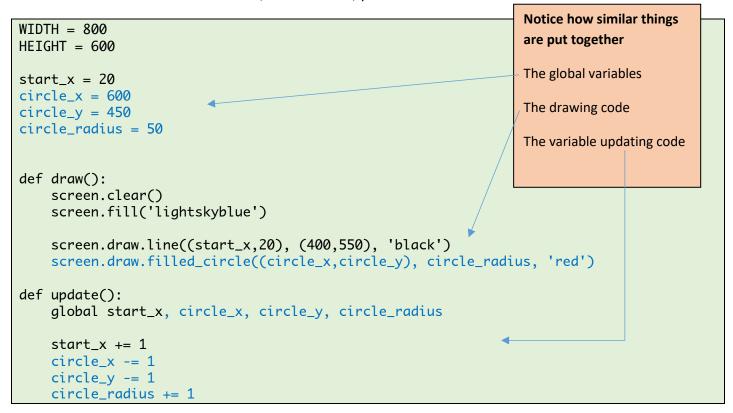
All variables are **local** to a function by default. That is, they only exist inside a specific function and cannot be used in other functions.

The variable start\_x is created outside a function, and can be used in all functions. It is called a global variable.

To change a global variable we must put a **global** statement in the first line of the function code.

#### **Moving Circles**

To move a circle let's use three variables, for the x value, y value and the radius.



#### **Moving Images**

Actors and their images are **objects** which have variables built into them (called **properties**). Images have x and y properties that can be changed.

```
Make sure you put things
in their correct place

The global variable

The drawing code

alien.draw()

def update():
    . . .
    alien.x += 2
    alien.y += 1
```

Add more Actors with their images, and move them.

# D. PyGame Loops

```
Start a new file.

WIDTH = 800
HEIGHT = 600

def draw():
    screen.clear()
    screen.fill('lightskyblue')
```

Loops provide an easy way of repeating a series of steps, without duplicating the code. For example, we can draw a series of circles:

```
WIDTH = 800
HEIGHT = 600

def draw():
    screen.clear()
    screen.fill('lightskyblue')

radius = 10
for i in range(10):
    screen.draw.circle((400,300), radius, 'red')
    radius += 10
```

The circle will be drawn 10 times. The variable  $\dot{\mathbf{i}}$  is the loop counter – it keeps track of how many times the loop has executed.

The variable radius is increased every time the loop is executed. We must set the initial value of a variable before the loop, then change the value with each iteration of the loop.

Draw a series of lines:

Remember

#### For Loop with Three Parameters

The For Loop can actually take three parameters – the **start value**, the **end value** and the **step value**.

Use loops to draw other things on your screen: regular shapes, rows of circles around the border etc.

#### **E. Conditional Statements**

Start a new file.

Start a new file for this section.

```
WIDTH = 800
HEIGHT = 600

def draw():
    screen.clear()
    screen.fill('lightskyblue')
```

Conditional statements are used to make **decisions**, creating different pathways depending on variable values. They have three key words: **if**, **elif** and **else**.

If a conditional statement is true, a set of instructions is executed. If the statement is false, then the instructions are not executed or the instructions in the **else** statement are executed

#### Example 1 – two choices (if-else)

#### Example 2 – three choices (if-elif-else)

```
The % operator is the
def draw():
                                                                          modulus operator.
    . . .
                                                                          The modulus is the
    x = 50
    for i in range(20):
                                                                          remainder of the
         if i % 3 == 0: col = 'black'
                                                                          division. In this
         elif i % 2 == 1: col = 'red'
                                                                          example we can tell if a
         else: col = 'yellow'
                                                                          number is even or odd.
         screen.draw.line((x,20), (x,200), col)
         x += 20
```

- To compare values we use == (or <, >, <=, >=). != means not equal to (or use the keyword *not*)
- To assign a value to a variable we use =.

#### Example 3 - Write text depending on the score

```
Make sure you put things
WIDTH = 800
HEIGHT = 600
                                                                      in their correct place
score = 0
                                                                      The global variable
def draw():
                                                                      The comparison and
    screen.clear()
                                                                      drawing code
    screen.fill('lightskyblue')
                                                                      The variable updating code
    if score >= 100:
        s = 'You Win!'
        c = 'black'
    else:
        s = 'You Will Win Soon!'
        c = 'red'
    screen.draw.text(s, midtop=(600,10), color=c, fontsize=40)
def update():
    global score
    score += 1
```

#### **Use Conditional Statements with Actors**

```
Start a new file.

WIDTH = 800
HEIGHT = 600

def draw():
    screen.clear()
    screen.fill('lightskyblue')
```

Now we create and draw an alien and give it a variable called visible.

```
WIDTH = 800
HEIGHT = 600

alien = Actor('alien', center = (100,100))
alien.visible = True

def draw():
    screen.clear()
    screen.fill('lightskyblue')

    if alien.visible:
        alien.draw()
```

Change the statement to alien.visible = False. What happens?

#### **Use Conditional Statements to Limit Movement**

We often want to limit the movement of an Actor to a portion of the screen (or make sure it does not go outside the screen).

Let's make an alien move on the screen.

```
WIDTH = 800
HEIGHT = 600
alien = Actor('alien', center = (100,100))
alien.visible = True
alien.x\_speed = 2
                                    #pixels to move each time
alien.y_speed = 3
def draw():
    screen.clear()
    screen.fill('lightskyblue')
    if alien.visible:
        alien.draw()
def update():
    alien.x += alien.x_speed
                                   #change x and y position
    alien.y += alien.y_speed
```

Now let's fix the problem of going off the screen. We use a double conditional statement to check whether the Actors' x or y coordinates are outside the screen.

```
def update():
    alien.x += alien.x_speed
    alien.y += alien.y_speed

if (alien.x <= 0) or (alien.x >= WIDTH):  #if x off screen
    alien.x_speed = -alien.x_speed  #reverse direction

if (alien.y <= 0) or (alien.y >= HEIGHT):  #if y off screen
    alien.y_speed = -alien.y_speed
```

or means either of the statements must be True

and means both statements must be True

#### **Test for Collisions**

A fundamental event in games is collisions between sprites. We will use a rock image for the second sprite. If you do not have a rock image in your **Images** folder, download one from the internet or change it for another you do have.

```
WIDTH = 800
HEIGHT = 600
alien = Actor('alien', center = (100,100))
alien.visible = True
alien.x_speed = 3
alien.y_speed = 2
rock = Actor('rock', center = (400,300)) # 'rock' is the name of an image file
def draw():
    screen.clear()
    screen.fill('lightskyblue')
    if alien.visible:
        alien.draw()
    rock.draw()
def update():
    alien.x += alien.x_speed
    alien.y += alien.y_speed
    if alien.colliderect(rock):
                                                   #if collide with the rock
        alien.visible = False
    if (alien.x \leftarrow 0) or (alien.x \rightarrow WIDTH):
        alien.x_speed = -alien.x_speed
    if (alien.y <= 0) or (alien.y >= HEIGHT):
        alien.y_speed = -alien.y_speed
```

# F. PyGame Lists

Start a new file.

Start a new file for

```
this section.
WIDTH = 800
HEIGHT = 600
def draw():
    screen.clear()
    screen.fill('lightskyblue')
```

Lists make it easy to store and access a sequence of data. Lists are a comma-separated sequence surrounded by square brackets, and assigned to a variable. The variable then has the data type list. The data in a list can be any type, including mixed types.

To create a list, declare it (use a plural name):

```
numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
measurements = [1.2, 3.7, 4.5, 8.7, 10.6]
answers = [False, True, True, False]
my_records = ['Bob', 24, 'Havana Rd', 4567, True, False]
```

#### **Access List Values**

List values are accessed by indexing the list variable. The first item of the list has an index of [0].

```
WIDTH = 800
HEIGHT = 600
names = ['Bob', 'Barney', 'Baz', 'Ben', 'Barb', 'Bridget']
def draw():
    screen.clear()
    screen.fill('lightskyblue')
    s = 'First is ' + names[0]
    screen.draw.text(s, topleft=(100,50), color='red', fontsize=60)
    s = 'Third is' + names[2]
    screen.draw.text(s, topleft=(100,150), color='red', fontsize=60)
    s = Last is ' + names[-1]
    screen.draw.text(s, topleft=(100,250), color='red', fontsize=60)
```

#### Loop Through All List Values (Method 1)

The for loop can be used to access all items in a list. Replace the draw() code with this:

```
WIDTH = 800
HEIGHT = 600

names = ['Bob', 'Barney', 'Baz', 'Ben', 'Barb', 'Bridget']

def draw():
    screen.clear()
    screen.fill('lightskyblue')

y = 50
for name in names:
    screen.draw.text(name, topleft=(600,y), color='yellow', fontsize=40)
    y += 50
```

It is common to use a plural description for a list (e.g. names)

The loop variable is the singular of the same description (e.g. name)

#### **Loop Through All List Values (Method 2)**

The for loop can also be used to access items by index.

```
WIDTH = 800
HEIGHT = 600

names = ['Bob', 'Barney', 'Baz', 'Ben', 'Barb', 'Bridget']

def draw():
    screen.clear()
    screen.fill('lightskyblue')

y = 50
    for name in names:
        screen.draw.text(name, topleft=(600,y), color='yellow', fontsize=40)
    y += 50

x = 40
    for i in range(len(names)):
        screen.draw.text(names[i], topleft=(x,500), color='red', fontsize=30)
    x += 100
```

The **len()** function returns the length of the list (number of items). Each list item is accessed using the loop variable i (e.g. dogs[i])

# **G. PyGame Mouse and Keyboard Events**

```
Start a new file.

WIDTH = 800
HEIGHT = 600

def draw():
    screen.clear()
    screen.fill('lightskyblue')
```

#### Respond to Mouse Clicks and Continuous Keyboard Presses (start new file)

Responding to mouse clicks is easy in PyGame Zero. Let's click on an alien.

```
WIDTH = 800
HEIGHT = 600
alien = Actor('alien', center = (400,300))
def draw():
    screen.clear()
    screen.fill('lightblue')
    alien.draw()
                                               #respond to mouse clicks
def on_mouse_down (pos, button):
    if button == mouse.LEFT:
        if alien.collidepoint(pos):
                                               #if the mouse pos collides with the image
            if alien.image == 'alien':
    alien.image = 'alien_hurt'
                 alien.angle = 180
            else:
                 alien.image = 'alien'
                 alien.angle = 0
def update():
                                               #respond to continuous keyboard presses
    if keyboard.right:
        alien.x += 1
        alien.angle = 270
    elif keyboard.left:
        alien.x -= 1
        alien.angle = 90
```

If we only wanted to respond to separate key presses (rather than holding down a key) we use the on\_key\_down() function.

```
def on_key_down(key):
    global choice
    if key == keys.UP:
        alien.y -= 5
    elif key == keys.DOWN:
        alien.y += 5
```

### H. Create a PyGame Presentation

PyGame Zero can be used to create interactive presentations. Screen elements may include:

- Rectangles of different colour, with text or images inside them
- Images
- Text of different sizes and/or fonts
- Sprites little images that can be clicked on and then do something.
- Buttons made of a rectangle and a sprite
- Responses to keyboard keys
- Responses to mouse clicks (e.g. inside a button or on a sprite or image)

#### H1. PyGame Zero Basic Code

The following code is used for all PyGame Zero applications. Type this code into the Mu editor (in **PyGame Zero mode**).

#### Notes:

- 1. The width and height sets up a window with those dimensions
- 2. There are three standard functions that the program automatically calls:
  - a. draw() draws objects on the screen
  - b. update() gets arrow key inputs and changes the position of objects before they are drawn
  - c. on\_key\_down() makes things happen as a result of pressing keyboard keys

EACH TIME YOU ENTER CODE, CLICK THE "PLAY" BUTTON TO TEST IT, AND FIX ANY ERRORS.

#### **H2.** Create a Rectangle to hold Text

Almost all programs use rectangles of different colors to divide the screen into several parts. It is easiest to work with rectangles if they are declared as constants at the beginning of the program. They can easily be changed later.

```
WIDTH = 800
HEIGHT = 600

TEXTRECT = Rect((20,100),(360,400)) #(x,y),(width,height)

def draw():
    screen.clear()
    screen.fill((0, 250, 250))

    screen.draw.filled_rect(TEXTRECT, 'lightskyblue')
```

#### **H3. Create and Draw Images**

Images are created as actors. You can have as many images as you like.

```
sheep1 = Actor("sheep1", topleft = (350,120))

def draw():
    screen.clear()
    screen.fill((0, 250, 250))

    sheep1.draw()
    screen.draw.filled_rect(TEXTRECT, 'lightskyblue')
```

#### H4. Write a Title

Titles are usually centred in the window, a little experimentation is required to get the coordinates correct.

```
def draw():
    screen.clear()
    screen.fill((0, 100, 250))

screen.draw.text("Sheep are Cool!", (260,30), color='yellow', fontsize=60)
    sheep1.draw()
    screen.draw.filled_rect(TEXTRECT, 'lightskyblue')
```

#### **H5. Write Some Text in the Rectangle**

The easiest way to write text is to create a list with each item a different line of text. Each line of text is separated by a comma.

In the draw() function, loop through the list to draw each line of text on the screen. Use the position of the rectangle to position the text.

Notice that the first line of text starts at position y = 120. Each iteration of the loop adds 35 to y. So each line of text is spaced 35 pixels apart. Change these values to alter where the text is on the screen and the spacing between the lines.

#### **H6. Create Multiple Pages**

Create constants for each page, and a variable to hold the value of the current page. In the draw() function, use 'if-elif' statements to separate the elements that are drawn on each page. Locate elements common to all pages before or after the 'if-elif' statements.

Note: to shift many lines of code to the right, select all the lines and press Tab. To move them to the left, select all the lines and press Shift-Tab.

```
PAGE1 = 0
                              #page constants
PAGE2 = 1
PAGE3 = 2
PAGE4 = 3
                              #page variable - holds the value of the current page
page = PAGE1
def draw():
    screen.clear()
    screen.fill((0, 100, 250))
    screen.draw.text("Sheep are Cool!", (260,30), color='yellow', fontsize=60)
    screen.draw.filled_rect(TEXTRECT, 'lightskyblue')
    if page == PAGE1:
        sheep1.draw()
        y = 120
        for line in page1_text:
            screen.draw.text(line, (40,y), color='black', fontsize=30)
            y += 35
    elif page == PAGE2:
        pass
    elif page == PAGE3:
        pass
    elif page == PAGE4:
    screen.draw.text(str(page), (WIDTH/2, HEIGHT-50), color='black', fontsize=30)
```

The last line draws the page number on the screen. Draw all the elements required for each page inside the elif statement for that page.

#### **H7. Draw Navigation Sprites**

Add the arrows (or any other sprite) as an Actor. Using the WIDTH and HEIGHT constants to position these is a great idea because they will stay in the correct places regardless of the window size.

```
sheep1 = Actor("sheep1", topleft = (350,120))
left_arrow = Actor("leftarrow", topleft = (30,HEIGHT-70))
right_arrow = Actor("rightarrow", topleft = (WIDTH-90,HEIGHT-70))
```

Draw the arrows on the window:

#### **H8.** Use Arrow Keys to Move between Pages

We use the on\_key\_down() function to capture when keyboard keys are pressed, and navigate between pages.

#### **H9. Mouse Click on the Sprites to Move between Pages**

To respond to mouse clicks, we test whether the mouse x and y coordinates are within the sprite rectangle. We put the code in the on\_mouse\_down() function.

```
def on_mouse_down(pos, button):
    global page
    if button == mouse.LEFT:
        if left_arrow.collidepoint(pos):
            if page > PAGE1:
                page -= 1
        elif right_arrow.collidepoint(pos):
            if page < PAGE4:
               page += 1</pre>
```